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LEAKING OF SENSITIVE ISSUES THROUGH COMPUTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sensitive issues leaked out last year by some army officers through the computer;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the said leak is likely to damage the operational plans of our armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): One case pertaining to an exchange of a computer hard disc containing classified information has come to the notice of the Government. One of the Armoured Regiments inadvertently replaced its computer hard disc containing classified information in its memory, with an upgraded version at Jammu in February, 2002. The old hard disc, which was fitted by a civil contractor in a computer in Jammu University campus was retrieved by the Army authorities. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the Army personnel concerned who did not follow the laid down security instructions on the subject.

(c) Suitable action has been taken to negate the chances of our plans being compromised.